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DATE: September 14, 2017

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AR-2015-CAC-0116

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: THREAT - TELEPHONE MESSAGE TO EPA EMPLOYEE, R2, ALBANY, NY

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	ALBANY, NY	

VIOLATION(S):

On (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pled guilty to Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree: New York Penal Law 240.30, in Town of Colonie Justice Court, Albany County, New York.

ALLEGATIONS:

On July 17, 2015, an individual left a threatening voice message to an employee of the US EPA Hudson River Field Office located in Albany, NY. Shortly thereafter, the same individual left a threatening voice message to an employee of the Albany US Housing and Urban Development office. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was identified through telephone logs and online activity.

FINDINGS:

EPA OIG agents, DHS Federal Protective Service, and HUD OIG agents developed information identifying the caller as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). EPA OIG agents conducted a search of internet chat rooms and discovered (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a chemical engineer, had posted numerous threatening comments directed toward EPA employees and Federal Law Enforcement Agents who would enforce any environmental laws, threatening to open fire on agents on sight. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also posted numerous references to weapons he possessed that were in violation of the NY Safe Act, which regulates the sale and possession of assault weapons and handguns.

On August 28, 2015, the New York State Police, EPA OIG, HUD OIG, and DHS OIG executed a Search and Seizure Warrant at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence. In addition to digital evidence seized, three rifles, a shotgun, and 2 high capacity magazines were seized.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was subsequently arrested and charged with 2 Felony counts in violation of New York State statutes for making terroristic threats by the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

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On (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pled guilty to Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree: New York Penal Law 240.30, in Town of Colonie Justice Court, Albany County, New York in front of the Honorable (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

On (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the Honorable (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sentenced (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to (b) (7)(E), 3 years' supervised probation in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), NY, and to turn all his firearms over to a responsible third party, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and agreed to not have access to the firearms for three years.

In addition, as part of his supervised probation, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(E)

DISPOSITION: SUPPORTED

This investigation determined the allegation was supported. All legal proceedings have been completed and/or exhausted in this investigation. As a result, this investigation is considered closed.



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DATE: AUGUST 16, 2016

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-AT-2016-CAC-0074

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): THREAT LETTER MAILED TO EPA
ADMINISTRATOR

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)	ATLANTA, GA	

VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S. Code § 111, Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees; U.S. Code § 876, Mailing threatening communications.

ALLEGATION: Unknown Subject(s) mailed a threatening letter to the U.S. EPA Administrator.

FINDINGS: On May 19, 2016, Special Agent in Charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) turned over to EPA-OIG an anonymous letter addressed to the "EPA Administrator, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004" which was received by the EPA Administrator's office on May 16, 2016. The letter was hand printed and it stated "(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Knows! There is an old saying in NY organized crime, 'You hurt us and our families, and we will hurt you and your family'. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SEIU would say, 'We know who you are, and we know where you live'." The envelope associated with the threat letter was postmarked "Atlanta Metro 300", "06 May 2016 PM8 L."

On May 23, 2016, EPA-OIG Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Charlotte, NC, regarding the anonymous threat letter received by the U.S. EPA Administrator's Office. On May 24, 2016, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spoke telephonically with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Charlotte Division - Atlanta Field Office, regarding the anonymous threat letter. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

. On May 24, 2016, Inspector (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) replied to SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)'s email, advising that (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) noted that this particular letter was cancelled through the North Metro processing plant on May 6, 2016, so likely it was dropped into the mail stream the same day.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised that the (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

DISPOSITION: On June 6, 2016, EPA-OIG Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presented the facts of this case telephonically to Assistant United States Attorney (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia, for possible violations of 18 U.S. Code § 111, Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees and 18 U.S. Code § 876, Mailing threatening communications. Specifically, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presented the particulars of the anonymous threatening letter previously identified in this investigation. (b) (5), (b) (7)(E) Assistant United States Attorney (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) declined the case.

Case is recommended for closure.



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DATE: July 14, 2016

PREPARED BY: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-DA-2016-CFR-0029

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: JANUS INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE, ET AL

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Little Rock, Arkansas	

VIOLATION(S):

The potential violations are 18 U.S.C 666 (Federal Program Fraud) and 18 U.S.C 641 (Theft of Public Money).

ALLEGATION:

The Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), received a Hotline request (2016-0060) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), OI, OIG, EPA, Dallas, Texas. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received and reviewed a fax from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Police Department (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The fax contains a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) police report and written statement dated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) submitted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) concerning potential financial identity fraud, theft of property/credit/debit cards, theft of a \$1,000 or less and potential theft of EPA Environmental Justice Program grant funds.

FINDINGS:

On December 29, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OI OIG EPA, Dallas, Texas, received information from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal and Internal Affairs, EPA Region 6, regarding the EPA final report for the EPA project EQ-00F96301-0. The project work plan tasks required expert assistant to draft an agenda and identify Environmental Justice concerns, issues and presenters for a three day environmental justice training workshop.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated all work for the EQ-00F96301-0 project has been completed. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reviewed the final report and found it to be satisfactory. Due to the OIG investigation the closeout of the grant was placed on hold. Based on conversations with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and investigative findings, the EPA funds were not used fraudulently, but used appropriately.

On February 4, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and requested documentation to support claim (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Janus Institute for Justice, Little Rock, Arkansas, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Janus Institute for Justice, Little Rock, Arkansas, took \$4,919.02, via PayPal, from the organization without permission. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The documentation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided did not support (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claim (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took \$4,919.02, via PayPal, from Janus Institute for Justice without permission.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5), (b) (7)(E) this case was not presented to the Assistant United States Attorney because (b) (5), (b) (7)(E) and is being closed.